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Did You Know?

Minnesota's Rank Among States

Oats	1st
Spring Wheat	2nd
Hogs and Pigs	3rd
Soybeans	3rd
Corn	4th
All Sheep/Lambs	12th
Cattle/Calves	12th
Turkeys Raised	1st
Sugarbeets	1st

CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES DECREASE

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for soybeans for July averaged $10.00 per bushel, a decrease of $1.30 from the June price. Corn was down 77 cents, to a July price of $3.25 per bushel.

The all hog price for July was $44.20 per cwt., an increase of 30 cents from the June price. The all beef cattle price for July was $75.00 per cwt., an increase of 20 cents from the June price.

The all milk price for July, at $11.60 per cwt., was up 10 cents from June.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 130 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 4 points (3.0 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 12 points (7.5 percent) and the Livestock Index was unchanged from June.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. July 2009 1/	--------Minnesota-------- July 2008 2/	June 2009 2/	July 2009 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	4.79	3/	3/	4.26
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	29.80	3/	29.10	3/
Corn, bu	3.33	4.64	4.02	3.25
Hay, All, Baled, ton	116.00	132.00	105.00	109.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	120.00	135.00	115.00	115.00
Other, Baled, ton	104.00	120.00	80.00	80.00
Oats, bu	2.20	3.13	2.07	2.05
Potatoes, cwt	9.80	6.85	6.10	3/
Soybeans, bu	10.30	12.80	11.30	10.00
Sunflowers, All, cwt	18.70	28.10	29.20	29.40
Wheat, All, bu	4.92	8.76	6.53	5.95
Calves, cwt	109.00	115.00	114.00	114.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 45/	81.40	88.60	74.80	75.00
Cows, cwt, 5/	48.30	60.30	49.60	52.40
Steers & Heifers, cwt	85.70	95.20	81.00	80.50
Milk Cows, head 6/	1,280.00	2,000.00	--	1,350.00
Hogs, All, cwt	43.40	58.50	43.90	44.20
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	44.20	58.70	44.00	44.30
Sows, cwt	28.20	19.80	33.20	27.80
Lambs, cwt 7/	--	109.00	110.00	--
Sheep, cwt 7/	--	23.90	26.90	--
Milk, All, cwt	11.30	19.60	11.50	11.60
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.52	0.73	0.38	0.57

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	June 2008	July 2008	June 2009	July 2009
Prices Received	158	159	134	130
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	187	191	177	176
Parity Ratio 1/	84	83	76	74

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	July 2008 1/	June 2009 1/	July 2009 2/
All Farm Products	159	*134	130
Crops	183	*161	149
Meat Animals	126	*106	107
Dairy Products	148	87	87
Poultry & Eggs	154	147	145

* Revised. 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

MINNESOTA CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION

Based on August 1 conditions, the Minnesota **CORN** crop is forecast at 1.2 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year. The yield forecast of 167 bushels per acre is up 3 bushels from 2008. Expected area to be harvested, at 7.2 million acres, is unchanged from a year ago.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 284 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year's production. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above 2008's yield.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 86.7 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 51 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July forecast, but down 5 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 3.71 million bushels, down 48 percent from 2008. Yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from July and last year.

OAT production is estimated at 11.05 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from July, but down 3 bushels from 2008.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 12.02 million tons, up 22 percent from 2008's production level. Yield is estimated at 27.0 tons per acre, up 2.3 tons from last year's 24.7 tons per acre.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.38 million hundredweight, down 16 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 3.9 million tons, down 7 percent from 2008. Yield is forecast at 3.1 tons per acre, unchanged from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION
2008 AND FORECASTED AUGUST 1, 2009

COMMODITY	2008 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2009 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2008 YIELD	2009 YIELD	2008 PRODUCTION (000)	2009 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	7,200	7,200	164.0	167.0	1,180,800	1,202,400
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,950	7,100	38.0	40.0	264,100	284,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,800	1,700	56.0	51.0	100,800	86,700
BARLEY (Bu)	110	65	65.0	57.0	7,150	3,705
OATS (Bu)	175	170	68.0	65.0	11,900	11,050
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	399	445	24.7	27.0	9,855	12,015
DRY BEANS 1/	145	125	1950.0	1900.0	2,828	2,375
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,250	3.10	3.10	4,185	3,875
OTHER HAY (Ton)	600	800	1.80	1.70	1,080	1,360
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	78,640	80,007	153.9	159.5	12,101,238	12,760,986
SOYBEANS (Bu)	74,641	76,767	39.6	41.7	2,959,174	3,199,172
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,487	13,205	40.5	41.5	546,744	548,260
BARLEY (Bu)	3,767	3,142	63.6	65.8	239,498	206,728
OATS (Bu)	1,395	1,426	63.5	64.5	88,635	91,960
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,005	1,154	26.7	28.2	26,837	32,473
DRY BEANS 1/	1,445	1,392	1,768	1,750	25,558	24,359
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	20,980	20,982	3.32	3.48	69,620	72,986
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,082	39,195	1.95	2.01	76,052	78,955

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory, Farrowings, and Pig Crop, by County and District, Minnesota, 2007-08

County and District 1/	All Hogs Dec. 1		Annual Farrowings		Annual Pig Crop	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Number					
Clay	20,000	--	2,300	--	21,500	--
Combined Counties	47,000	--	13,700	--	131,500	--
Northwest	67,000	--	16,000	--	153,000	--
Big Stone	43,000	42,000	6,500	6,300	58,000	58,000
Lac Qui Parle	87,000	85,000	13,500	13,000	119,000	127,000
Stevens	165,000	161,000	39,000	38,000	357,000	363,000
Yellow Medicine	--	154,000	--	19,000	--	183,500
Combined Counties	330,000	168,000	70,000	48,700	630,000	426,500
West Central	625,000	610,000	129,000	125,000	1,164,000	1,158,000
Benton	23,500	23,000	3,400	3,300	30,000	29,000
Kandiyohi	85,000	83,000	13,500	13,000	129,000	123,000
McLeod	--	11,500	--	1,200	--	10,000
Renville	265,000	257,000	46,000	45,000	428,000	428,000
Sibley	112,000	109,000	19,000	22,500	179,000	224,000
Stearns	119,000	116,000	16,500	15,500	144,000	140,000
Todd	24,000	--	3,500	--	32,000	--
Combined Counties	141,500	149,500	19,100	20,500	177,000	182,000
Central	770,000	749,000	121,000	121,000	1,119,000	1,136,000
Cottonwood	233,000	227,000	42,000	45,500	418,000	465,000
Jackson	--	275,000	--	22,000	--	196,000
Lincoln	112,000	109,000	50,000	49,000	465,000	465,000
Lyon	199,000	--	20,000	--	181,000	--
Nobles	415,000	403,000	33,000	32,000	313,000	305,000
Redwood	232,000	--	7,000	--	59,000	--
Rock	308,000	300,000	37,000	37,500	372,000	380,000
Combined Counties	756,000	881,000	86,000	91,000	858,000	887,000
Southwest	2,255,000	2,195,000	275,000	277,000	2,666,000	2,698,000
Blue Earth	517,000	503,000	70,000	68,000	633,000	640,000
Brown	255,000	247,500	34,000	34,000	317,000	333,000
Faribault	263,000	256,000	30,000	28,000	297,000	261,000
Freeborn	263,000	256,000	44,000	40,500	396,000	398,000
Le Sueur	--	86,500	--	17,500	--	173,000
Martin	700,000	681,000	123,000	120,000	1,161,000	1,180,000
Nicollet	312,000	303,000	45,000	45,000	412,000	440,000
Waseca	294,000	286,500	50,000	48,500	458,000	464,000
Watonwan	220,000	213,500	28,000	29,000	277,000	295,000
Combined Counties	276,000	183,000	50,000	29,500	453,000	286,000
South Central	3,100,000	3,016,000	474,000	460,000	4,404,000	4,470,000
Dodge	--	169,500	--	31,000	--	295,000
Fillmore	151,000	147,000	13,000	11,500	114,000	111,000
Goodhue	102,000	99,500	20,000	19,000	178,000	182,000
Houston	15,500	--	4,100	--	34,000	--
Mower	310,000	302,000	45,000	46,000	424,000	431,000
Winona	38,000	--	3,800	--	32,000	--
Combined Counties	243,500	120,000	41,100	16,500	397,000	150,000
Southeast	860,000	838,000	127,000	124,000	1,179,000	1,169,000
Combined Districts	23,000	92,000	13,000	28,000	118,000	264,000
Minnesota	7,700,000	7,500,000	1,155,000	1,135,000	10,803,000	10,895,000

1/ Data published in combined counties or districts to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. FIELD CROPS OVERVIEW

WHEAT: U.S. wheat ending stocks for 2009/10 are projected 36 million bushels higher this month, as higher forecast production more than offsets an increase in projected use and lower imports. Wheat production is forecast 71 million bushels higher, with increases in all classes of wheat except soft red winter. The largest increases are for hard red spring wheat and durum, reflecting sharply higher expected yields in the Northern Plains. Feed and residual use is raised 5 million bushels with the larger crop. Exports are projected 25 million bushels higher, with reduced production prospects in Canada and Argentina, which are major competitors in the western hemisphere wheat market. The 2009/10 marketing-year average farm price is projected at $4.70 to $5.70 per bushel, down 10 cents on both ends of the range. Small revisions are also made this month to 2007/08 and 2008/09 imports, exports, and food use based on the latest trade and mill grind data from the U.S. Bureau of Census. World wheat production is raised 2.8 million tons for 2009/10, with major increases for India, United States, EU-27, China, and Ukraine partly offset by reductions for Russia, Argentina, Canada, and Kazakhstan.

COARSE GRAINS: U.S. feed grain supplies for 2009/10 are projected higher this month, with sharply higher forecast corn production more than offsetting a reduction in carryin as 2008/09 corn exports are raised 50 million bushels. Corn production for 2009/10 is projected at 12.8 billion bushels, up 471 million, as higher forecast yields more than offset a small reduction in harvested area as updated from the June 30 Acreage report. U.S. corn supplies are projected at a record 14.5 billion bushels, up 134 million from the previous record in 2007/08. Corn use for 2009/10 is projected higher, with rising supplies and lower expected prices. Despite reduced prospects for livestock production, feed and residual use is raised 100 million bushels, with the higher yield and production expected to add to residual loss. Food, seed, and industrial use is raised 100 million bushels, with higher expected use for ethanol supported by favorable ethanol producer returns and strong incentives for ethanol blending. Exports are projected 150 million bushels higher, reflecting reduced foreign production prospects and stronger expected import demand from Mexico and Taiwan. The 2009/10 marketing-year average farm price is projected at $3.10 to $3.90 per bushel, down 25 cents on both ends of the range.

OILSEEDS: U.S. oilseed production for 2009/10 is projected at 94.5 million tons, down 1.8 million from last month, as lower soybean and cottonseed production are only partly offset by higher peanut production. Soybean yields are forecast at 41.7 bushels per acre, 0.9 bushels below last month's trend yield projection, but 2.1 bushels above last year's yield. The first survey-based forecast of U.S. soybean production is 3.2 billion bushels, 61 million below the July projection, but 240 million bushels above last year's crop. Soybean stocks are projected at 210 million bushels, down 40 million from July, as reduced supplies are only partly offset by reduced crush and exports. Soybean exports are reduced 10 million bushels, to 1.265 billion. Lower U.S. soybean and soybean meal exports are offset by increased shipments from Argentina. Soybean and product prices are all increased this month. The U.S. season-average soybean price for 2009/10 is projected at $8.40 to $10.40, up 10 cents on both ends of the range. Soybean meal prices are projected at $260 to $320 per short ton, up $5.00 on both ends of the range. Soybean oil prices are projected at 32 to 36 cents per pound, up one cent on both ends of the range.

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